

May 11, 2015

Conference Call Minutes

Thank you for participating on our local agency conference call on Thursday, May 7th. Please review the <u>minutes</u> <u>from the call</u> and an <u>outline of how WIC money can be spent</u>. If you did not attend the call, it is imperative that you closely read the minutes and the attachments as there is policy guidance which we expect implemented immediately (one year old food package issuance and WIC approved expenditures).

Update on the one year old food package: On the call we mentioned that USDA is mandating that we comply with a policy to NOT issue the one year food package prior to the first birthday. SPIRIT will be enhanced to comply with this eventually. In the meantime, we have been able to create a nightly process that will delete the one year old food package for all infants. This means you will be able to continue issuance of the infant package through that month. To issue a one year old package starting on the month AFTER the first birthday, you would need to manually add the package, or during recertification SPIRIT will add the default for you.

Reports Available

Benefits Issued & Redeemed Report March 2015
Breastfeeding & Peer Counselor Report April 2015
Participation Report April 2015

Registered Dietitian Position in Billings WIC

RiverStone Health in Billings is looking for a compassionate, self-motivated individual to support WIC and Maternal Child Health programs. The ideal candidate is a MT licensed RD. Core duties include nutrition follow-up of high risk WIC participants and targeted case management services. The RD is part of a team of professionals that includes social workers, nurses, and WIC CPAs. Contacts with clients are through office visits and home visits. View the <u>position description and application instructions</u> and contact Alexis Urbaniak, Recruiter, at <u>alexis.urb@riverstonehealth.org</u> with any questions.

Health Education Position in State WIC Office

The Health Education Specialist assesses ongoing program activities to identify education and training needs, as well as much, much, more. View a <u>full position description and application instructions</u>. Announcement closes May 18, 2015.

Health Hero Award Nominations Being Accepted

Eat Right Montana and Action for Health Kids are <u>accepting nominations</u> for the <u>Health Hero Award</u>. Multiple recipients can be nominated and multiple awardees may be selected. If you know someone who meets the criteria, nominate them. If you know others who want to nominate someone, direct them to the materials. Deadline for nominations is July 31, 2015.

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